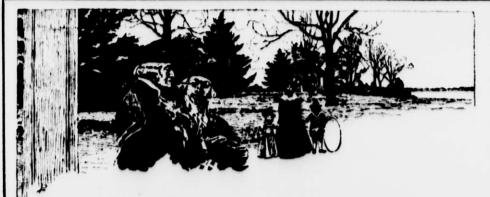
WASHINGTON AND STEUBEN AT VALLEY FORGE





The winter was deeply disheartening, nevertheless, for Washington. Having failed in the mist at Germantown, he withdrew his army to valley Forge, whence he could watch Howe at Philadelphia, and move as he moved, and yet himself feel safe against attack; but utter demoralization had fallen upon the Congress, sitting in a sort of exile at York, and his army was brought to such straits of privation and suffering in its equal to checkmating at a single move those who intrigued in the Congress to displace him. Despite every bitter experience of that dark and lengthened term of service had given him at last an army which might be drilled, and foreign officers, notably the capable Steuben, had taught him to drill it.—From "A History of the American People," by Woodrow Wilson.